

## **Scammer portrays self to seniors as government official**

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A scam artist has been preying on seniors, telling them they are owed money because the state successfully prosecuted a swindler who targeted seniors.

In fact, the scam artist pretends to be an attorney with the Attorney General's Office, the agency that is supposed to protect consumers from such scammers, Attorney General Terry Goddard said Thursday.

The caller has been telling seniors they are owed \$395 because of the successful prosecution. Seniors have been asked for their bank account numbers, ostensibly to make the deposit.

Goddard said his office does not collect personal identifying information, and residents should not give out such information over the phone. You can contact the Attorney General's Office at (602) 542-5763 or [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov).